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New Orleans, LA 70123-2394

In Reply Refer To: GE 1035A

February 28, 2020

Mr. Ben Marchive, II  
EPL Oil & Gas, LLC  
1038 Main (One City Centre)  
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Marchive:

Reference is made to EPL Oil & Gas, LLC's (EPL) Right-of-way (ROW) modification application received by this office February 18, 2020, for Pipeline Segment Number (PSN) 7820, ROW No. OCS-G28693.

Specifically, EPL requests a temporary cessation of operations for PSN 7820 until June 30, 2020 to modify the associated safety systems by installing a nitrogen lift system. The pipeline has been out of service since November 2, 2019.

The pipeline is described as follows:

PSN	Size (NPS)	Length (feet)	Service	Origin	Termination
7820	4"	8,851'	Bulk Gas	Platform M Vermilion Area Block 38	Platform E Vermilion Area Block 38

Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.1000(b), EPL's application is hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

1. The annual rental required by 30 CFR 250.1012 shall continue to be due and payable in December of each calendar year.
2. If the associated pipeline has not been returned to service and is not being used for the purpose for which the pipeline ROW grant was made by June 30, 2020, the ROW grant shall be deemed expired in accordance with 30 CFR 250.1014. As a reminder, per 30 CFR 250.1010(h) the ROW holder must remove all pipelines and accessories associated with ROW OCS-G28693 within one (1) year of the effective date of the relinquishment or forfeiture (i.e. expiration). Furthermore, a decommission application must be submitted to the pipeline section to decommission PSN 7820 within 30 days from the effective date of the relinquishment or forfeiture (i.e. expiration).

3. If at any time prior to June 30, 2020, it is determined that the use of PSN 7820 is to be permanently discontinued, an application to decommission the pipeline and relinquish the pipeline ROW shall be submitted to this office for approval.

Sincerely,

**JASON  
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(for) Stephen P. Dessauer  
Regional Supervisor  
Regional Field Operations

January 13, 2020

U. S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement  
1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394

RE: **Application to Modify ROW OCS-G28693 for Temporary Cessation**  
Segment No. 07820; 4-inch BLKG  
Vermilion Block 38 (Lease OCS00204) Platform M to Vermilion Block 38 Platform E (RUE)  
OCS Federal Waters, Gulf of Mexico, Offshore, Louisiana

EPL Oil & Gas, LLC (EPL) (Operator No. 02266) as holder of Right-of-Way OCS-G28693, respectfully requests a temporary cessation through **June 30, 2020**.

The legal description of this ROW: ROW OCS-G28693 is a 200-foot wide and approximately 1.68 miles (8,851 feet) long corridor associated with the 4-inch Pipeline Segment No. (PSN) 7820. The purpose of the pipeline ROW OCS-G28693 is to maintain and operate PSN 7820 and to transport bulk gas originating at Platform M, terminating at Platform E, all located in Vermilion Area Block 38.

The pipeline right-of-way ceased transporting hydrocarbons on November 2, 2019 after Williams locked the valve at Cox's A Platform in VR 39 on SN12693 (ROW OCS-G 22115) utilized for gas buyback for the lifting of hydrocarbons in the VR0039 Field wells. It was permanently locked in order to prepare for the abandonment of Transco's Vermilion 22 Lateral, Transco Location 1003152, Meter 2852, BSEE PSN 4198 (ROW OCS-G03364).

EPL respectfully requests this temporary cessation to allow time needed for Cox to resume production and modify associated safety systems by installing a nitrogen lift system and continue producing several wells located at the M and K facilities on Vermilion Block 38, Lease OCS00204.

A modification to the safety systems on the affected structures is required. The nitrogen compressor system has been permitted and is currently pending approval.

In support of our application please find a copy of the as built in the attachment section. The Paygov receipt in the amount of \$4,169.00 is attached.

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Segment No. 07820; 4-inch BLKG

VR 38 (Lease OCS00204) Platform M to VR 38 Platform E (RUE)

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Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact Kathy Camp at 713.201.9627 or [coxregulatory@coxoil.com](mailto:coxregulatory@coxoil.com).

Please forward approval to [bmarchive@coxoil.com](mailto:bmarchive@coxoil.com)

Sincerely,

*Ben Marchive II*

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Vice President, Land

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PLEASE NOTE: On June 18, 2018 MLCJR, LLC and wholly owned subsidiary Cox Oil Offshore, LLC ("Cox") and Energy XXI Gulf Coast, Inc. announced their Agreement and Plan of Merger ("Merger") between the companies, ("Announcement"), which occurred effective October 18, 2018 ("Closing"). This Merger included the following entities: Energy XXI GOM, LLC (No. 02375), EPL Oil & Gas, LLC (No. 02266) and M21K, LLC (No. 03248) (collectively "EXXI"). Upon Closing of the Merger, the surviving company, Cox, will continue submitting the required permits, reports, notices, etc. in the name of the Operator for which the lease, ROW, etc. terminated under. Cox Operating L.L.C. (No. 03151), a subsidiary of Cox Oil Offshore, LLC (No. 03152) will perform the work required for all EXXI entities as it does for all Cox entities.